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*Trust in the Lord and do good; so shalt thou
dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt
be fed. PSALM 37:3*



Wood Engraving — "Harvest" by H. Amidie-Wetter



Brotherhood: But, - or Therefore?

Robert Mulkey, Minister
Dayton, Oregon

Every cent that came to Bible School during the summer quarter went for the work of the Oregon Christian Missionary Society. Under the new plan to send every penny of Bible School money to others we have entered a new era of Christian Service! Believing that Christian people have a great common task in Oregon spreading the clear New Testament message without heed for human doctrinal position or creedal interpretation, we have thus shared in this worthy cause. We have shared with full knowledge that some of our brethren in Christ are contemplating only "designated" giving to the State.

Such contemplation is understandable in the light of current tensions in the State mission work. Designated giving is obviously better than no giving. It is also a pitifully half-hearted gesture of brotherhood when whole-hearted sharing in this great task is demanded by the day in which we serve! Federal law prevents one from determining just where his federal tax money will be spent. A higher, spiritual loyalty (not law) should bind Christians together in Christ to the point where they would link forces, uninhibited by disagreement as to method, and motivate them steadily ahead to do the task to which they are mutually called.

To share in State missions with an undesignated gift is not to postulate complete agreement with every facet of the program! It is rather to say (in a manner which proverbially speaks louder than words) that the areas of disagreement are not as important as the soul-saving mission of the brotherhood effort in the state. Christian leaders upheld by Christian congregations who pray for them and are united with them in this great and historic cause can foster harmony and further a solid advance for Christ in Oregon. Anxious for a strong state program in areas of soul-winning we plant our concern firmly with the leaders believing that brotherhood in Christ is a prerequisite to the advance of New Testament Christianity!



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ADDING UP ACTIVITIES OF ADDLEMAN

This report covers the period from September 22 through October 18.

It was our privilege to attend the annual anniversary of the church at St. Helens on September 26, bringing the morning message and sharing in both the chicken dinner and the afternoon service. The next two days were spent in Salem attending the State Board meeting. On October 3 we visited the new work at John Day, bringing the morning message then on to Burns to share in the mortgage-burning service and then preached at the evening service.

October 4 until 9 were spent on a little vacation trip and business combined in sunny California. October 10 visited Oakridge and brought the morning message.

The next three days were spent with Roland Sheafor of the Board of Church Extension visiting Prineville, Norkenzie work in Eugene, NCC Chapel, Westside Roseburg, Eastside Albany and Cedar Hills in Portland. Attended one session of the State Youth Committee meeting.

On the 17th I preached at Silverton on Sunday morning, attended the reception for the Nelsons in the afternoon and then visited the evangelistic meetings conducted by Mr. and Mrs. B. Ross Evans at Southeast in Portland. Eight days were spent in the office with six office conferences.

OREGON CHRISTIAN EDITOR

Succeeding Ralph C. Neil as editor of The Oregon Christian is Donald R. Larson, Portland, Oregon, director of information services for the Oregon State System of Higher Education - General Extension Division.

Mr. Larson, a graduate of Montana State University School of Journalism and instructor in Journalism at Portland State Extension Center, has had extensive experience in newspaper and radio work.

From 1950 to 1953 he served as State Director of the Christian Rural Overseas Program (CROP) in Montana under the National Council of Churches. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of Columbia Conference of the Augustana Lutheran Church.



**WHAT YOU SHOULD DO
ABOUT TITHING**

You Will Find the Answer
Through Prayer and Study
of His Holy Book.

TAKE HIM AT HIS WORD



A view of the students at work in the N.C.C. Library



Professor William Siefke is teaching a class in "Pastor and His Task."



David Arnold of Jefferson, Oregon, is preaching the first sermon in the Advanced Homiletics class. Professor Ward A. Rice is the instructor.

NORTHWEST CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Registration, Orientation and other introductory activities at the beginning of the school year are over - the more serious business of classes, exams, term papers and mid-term exams now occupies the minds of the students. The library is filled almost every hour of the day. One is tremendously impressed by the fact that the library is the most congested and used of any of the facilities of the college. This, of course, emphasizes the growing need for the new library building. Since the last issue of this report, receipts in funds available have reached \$51,066.38

The work of the classroom and professor, of course, go hand-in-hand with the study facilities available to the student. The pictures shown here illustrate a part of the daily activities in training preachers and religious leaders.

Some new phases have been added to the program this year. A course in orientation for men now provides instruction in proper handling of student and ministerial personal finance, proper social manners, how to study, and other desirable qualities to be developed in the life of a minister.

Once each month a fellowship dinner for the student body and faculty is held in the cafeteria dining room. This provides an opportunity for closer fellowship and understanding between all concerned. A new student paper, The Northwest Christian, is now being published bi-weekly by members of the student body. This helps students develop the art of writing and provides news for the student body and for anyone interested. Such activities aid in fulfilling the total aim and goal of the school to provide adequately-trained ministers and religious leaders.

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OREGON CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

—By Edna L. Burke

The marriage of Adele Bower and Mr. William Bunn, July 27, has recently been announced. Mr. Bunn is in the Navy. At the present time, Mrs. Bunn's plans for the future have not been given out. She has served as missionary in Japan under the United Christian Missionary Society for one term. Her many friends in Oregon and elsewhere wish her happiness.

In June, the Board of Trustees of the United Society commissioned eighteen young people to their chosen fields of service abroad. The salaries, travel expense and all that is involved in their carrying-on the tasks to which they have been appointed in India, Africa, The Philippines, Thailand, and Mexico are now a part of the regular budget of the Society. Your monthly offerings help to meet those items. When these young people took part in this most impressive ceremony and were presented with a Certificate of Commission, it meant that all of us were receiving it, too. What an honor! What a privilege to have an important part in sending the Gospel around the world! True, we shall not be going in person, but our interest, our prayers and our material support make it possible for them to represent us out there.

At the same Board of Trustees meeting, twenty-seven other young men and women were presented for approval as candidates for missionary service. Each will spend several years more in advanced preparation before being commissioned. Many of us are "involved" in numerous lives in near and far places. Our family is growing, and it should, because these are challenging and dangerous days.

A timely quotation from Leaven, a pamphlet published by The United Christian Missionary Society (October, 1954) gives this encouraging information: For the Missionary year 1953-54, the United Christian Missionary Society received from churches and individuals the sum of \$2,385,971.57. From other sources, such as missionary field receipts, interest and annuity funds, an additional sum of \$1,743,643.48 was received. The total income from all sources administered during the past year for work at home and abroad was \$3,495,608.07, exclusive of service and administration. The cost of service and administration amounted to 12.64% of the total funds

TO SERVE MEN AT FT. BRAGG AND POPE FIELD

Parents and friends of men stationed at Fort Bragg and Pope Field in North Carolina are urged to send names and addresses of the servicemen to Henry F. Speight, minister at First Christian Church in Fayetteville, North Carolina.

It is the hope of the Fayetteville pastor to serve the men stationed on the two posts and he urgently requests that any information to help in this effort be sent to him immediately.

administered by the Society. (These figures do not include the amount of \$319,892.54 received by the Society in 1953-54 for the projects in Capital for Kingdom Building.)

For each dollar received from churches and individuals, the Society was able to add forty-two cents from other sources of income, exclusive of the operational cost of service and administration. For every dollar we contribute, one dollar-forty-two cents goes to work.

Mrs. E. C. Gilbert, Corvallis, first vice-president and director of study of the Oregon Christian Women's Fellowship state board, and your executive secretary, had the privilege of attending the recent International Convention in Miami. It was a very strenuous schedule but well-worth every minute. The program was packed with information, inspiration and challenge. Meeting friends from all sections of the United States and some from other lands was one of the most enjoyable experiences of all. Christian fellowship is wonderful!

Mrs. Gerald Wood, secretary of District 1, entertained the Christian Women's Fellowship presidents of her district with a luncheon at her home in Portland on Wednesday, September 29. Mrs. Ernest Wordon, Springfield, district 5 secretary, was in charge of a district workshop held in the Springfield Church on November 3. Officer training, parliamentary practice, Worship Study and Service were stressed. Assisting in the workshop were: Mrs. Ward Rice, Mrs. Carroll Roberts, Miss Goldie Wells, Mrs. Gilbert Kistler, Mrs. Hushour, Mrs. Ralph Schultz and many others. Representatives from several missionary organizations in the district were present.

DEVELOPING THE POTENTIAL

There are two great potential resources for increasing the giving in every church, for current expenses and for the world causes of Christ.

The first is the enlistment of every member as a giver. In the average church approximately one-third of the members support the church and its world program financially. The non-givers are an undeveloped potential.

The second is the lifting the level of the present givers. Too many members are not controlled by the spirit of Christian stewardship or the quality of sacrifice exemplified by Christ. Another part of the picture is that too many givers feel that they cannot increase their small gifts because the necessities and the luxuries of life cost so much. The interests of the kingdom of God deserve a priority.

The solution is a complete Every Member Enlistment effort in your church through personal visitation for the financial support of Christ's work.

NINETY AND NINE MEN'S BROTHERHOOD

—By Ed Dewees

While the official registration numbered under 99, the spirit and inspiration of the 18th Annual Convention of the Ninety and Nine Men in the First Christian Church at Bend was certainly outstanding as were the messages of Brother C. Paul Moore, Sr., of Athena and the talks on boys' and girls' camps by Cecil Kribs of Bend, Judy Schm of Redmond, Richard Ashard and Earl Gibbs of N.C.C. and Robert Mulkey, minister at Dayton.

The ladies of the Bend Church were most excellent cooks and not only provided the dinners for Friday and Saturday evenings of the convention, but also furnished the Saturday luncheon. Brother Leslie M. Ross as registrar and host-in-general along with Brother H. C. Bever, host minister, left no stone unturned for the comfort and convenience of the visiting delegations.

In the music department, Richard T. Merriman, minister of the Redmond Church, kept every man singing so lustily that the attendance seemed larger, and he helped to fill in the gaps in special numbers for others who were detained by illness or other cause. Delmar Pettys of Burns showed what a boy could do with a violin as he travelled over with his mother (and accompanist) on Saturday morning to take his part on the program. Earl Gibbs brought two fine vocal solos on Saturday afternoon as well as sharing in the camp presentation.

Down-to-earth and heart-to-heart discussions on Friday night and in the Saturday business sessions gave portent of new effort in personal and field evangelism by the men with the executive board receiving instruction to work out some definite projects for action. Claude Bryant was re-elected to serve as president, as was Olaf Paulson, Jr., as treasurer. Martin Farlee of Albany was elected recording secretary, and Leslie M. Ross of Bend as a new state vice-president for the central area. Continuation of half-time field work was voted and your reporter retained in that work.

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MINISTER CHANGES

Dwight L. Hackett - to Cedar Hills in Portland from Shields Avenue Christian Church, Fresno, California. Dowell A. Callis - to Valley Christian Church, Hood River. I. M. Nelson - to Silverton from Junction City Christian Church. Nelson E. Cole - to Hollister, California, from Cedar Hills Christian Church. W. C. Piper - to Medford First Christian Church from The Dalles about December 1. Hills Everett Davidson - called to Junction City Church. G. Fred Hoy - called to Eastside Albany.

CHURCH BUILDING AT BURNS NOW COMPLETELY DEBT-FREE

Burns Christian Church burned a final \$4000 mortgage to clear the congregation's \$30,000 property in a ceremony, Sunday afternoon, October 3 in the now debt-free building with Milton Bower, Clifford Weare, Ed Dewees, C. H. Addleman and others taking part in the event.

Milton Bower, first pastor of the congregation, said that with the Church now completed and paid for, the building committee has plans for another \$30,000 in improvements and additions to better handle the Church's work and to provide for expansion.

"We have never solicited the members of other Churches and yet have grown to a membership of 256 in a brief nine years," said Mr. Bower. "I see no reason why we should not keep right on growing as long as there are people in the community who attend no Church."

Dr. Clifford Weare, Master of ceremonies, pointed out that the mortgage burning was taking place nine years to the day from the time the congregation was organized with 14 members on October 3, 1945. The Church was built progressively so that the debt on the \$30,000 job was never more than \$6000. It was first placed in service when the basement was completed.

Willie White, evangelist, was back in Burns for the ceremony to recall how he and another worker leased and personally cleaned out the old Liberty theater to start the evangelistic campaign which led to formation of the Burns congregation in 1945. It was a great satisfaction, he said, to see how the work of the Church has thrived.

Ed Dewees, Coburg, state secretary of the "99 Men" organization, was another who helped in the early days in Burns and attended the mortgage-burning ceremonies. C. H. Addleman, executive secretary, brought the congratulations of the state organization and those of several neighboring Christian churches.

Len B. Fishback, minister of the Burns Church, was hospitalized the day before the ceremony and was unable to attend. He is reported as recovering very satisfactorily.



Improvements valued at \$30,000 already are visioned by forward-looking Burns congregation although mortgage-burning took place October 3. Shown in photo as mortgage turned to ashes are, from left: Willie White, first evangelist in Burns nine years ago; C. H. Addleman, executive secretary; Bill Tiller, member of the building committee; Dr. Clifford Weare, master of ceremonies at the celebration; Ed Dewees, state secretary of "99", and Milton Bower, first pastor at Burns.

Toronto World Convention News

— By Jesse M. Bader,
General Secretary

Celebrating its Silver Jubilee, the World Convention will hold its Fifth Convention in Toronto, Canada August 16-21, 1955. Twenty Toronto committees are now at work preparing for the 1955 assembly under general chairmanship of Herman Stephens and honorary chairmanship of Charles L. Burton, father of the World Convention President Edgar Burton.

It is planned that the 1955 meeting will be a "family convention," with provision for the care of children from three to five years of age. A special committee will care for the children from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. daily for a modest registration fee per child. Plans also include a Daily Vacation Bible School, directed play and worship services. You should plan to bring your entire family to Toronto next August!

Provisions for ample housing have been made. More than 1000 rooms have been reserved in the Royal York and King Edward Hotels. Over 700 dormitory beds are reserved in the Toronto colleges and universities; many rooms in private homes

will be available and accommodations are available at motels. All inquiries concerning housing should be sent to Mr. H. B. Halloway, 320 Lesley Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana. No room assignments will be made unless the request is accompanied by the registration fee of \$3. Checks are to be made to World Convention of Churches of Christ.

A new World Convention folder is now available which gives prices of rooms and other information. Write to Mr. Halloway for your copy of this folder.

Attendance is already indicated from Great Britain, Australia, New Zealand and from many other lands. Many of these friends will travel in Canada and the United States before or after the Toronto Convention.

Mr. Ernest Lawrence, head of the Music Department at Texas Christian University will be the Music Director at the Convention. A distinguished singer, Mr. Lawrence is nationally-known. Plans are under way for a Convention choir of 400 voices.

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CONVENTION NOTES . . .

COMMITTEE ON RECOMMENDATIONS IMPORTANT TO DEMOCRATIC ACTION DURING CONVENTION

— By Courtney Swander

It is the Committee on Recommendations that makes the International Convention both a general assembly of the Disciples of Christ and yet a representative deliberative body.

Thus the Convention is both a meeting of all the Disciples where everyone has a voice, and also one which is prepared to take action on proposals after adequate study in view of all the facts.

Each year representatives of 1,824,062 Disciples in the U.S. and Canada gather for a week of fellowship, inspiration and planning to build the Kingdom of God. Some delegates spend their time visiting, participating in interest group to pick up new ideas, joining in the fellowship and worship of general sessions, and exploring the sights and eating places.

Among the delegates to the International Convention there is always one group that takes no time for sightseeing, workshops, or even many of the general sessions. This group is the Committee on Recommendations - the hardest working, yet one of the least publicized groups of the recent Miami Assembly, and of any Assembly.

The Committee is made up of 201 delegates elected by their state conventions. Distribution over the various states is determined by Church membership on a 3-6-9 basis. Each state or area has at least three members and not more than nine.

From the first day of Convention the Committee meets to study the various proposals which have been presented prior to the Assembly. Sub-sections are organized so that each group can have ample time to make a thorough study of the merits of each proposal and recommend back to the total group in plenary session that it be approved or disapproved by the general assembly of the Convention.

There are times when hours are spent studying a single resolution. Its implications on the total life of the brotherhood, how nearly it represents the thinking of the Disciples, what social issues are involved and what Christian principles are at stake are typical questions that are considered.

Only after "due process" the resolutions come before the assembly. Three courses of action are then possible: approval, disapproval, or referral back to the committee. Then the individual delegate has the privilege of exercising the right to vote designated by display of his registration badge that will determine the fate of each resolution.

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THE BEATITUDES OF READING

And seeing the multitudes of children and youth thronging the public school grounds, and hosts of young men and women matriculating at the colleges and universities of the land, He opened His mouth and taught them saying:

Blessed are ye who dwell in a land where education is the heritage of all who will accept it.

Blessed are ye to whom the thought of the greatest minds of the ages are as accessible as the nearest library.

Blessed are ye to whom none may dictate as to what you may read nor prevent your interpretation of your reading in the light of your own understanding.

Blessed are ye who hunger and thirst after knowledge of My teaching for you have the scriptures - and you can read.

Blessed are ye who seek information concerning the work of My church for at your fingertips are books and magazines to give you that information.

Blessed are ye who take the time to read these books and magazines for great is reward in knowledge.

Blessed are ye when men shall set before you sophistry, propaganda and false teaching for you are capable of separating the wheat from the chaff; the true from the false.

Blessed are ye who recognize the tragedy of illiteracy and who join in the struggle to lift that burden from the shoulders of humanity.

Rejoice and be exceedingly diligent in using this great privilege of reading for thereby you gain the wisdom and understanding that is the best safeguard for the things you hold most dear: your family, your home, your church, your freedoms, your homeland.

Ye are the readers of earth. But if your reading fails to prepare you for world citizenship you have failed your fellowmen and proved yourself unworthy of this great gift of God.

—By Verna M. Sherwood,
World Call Chairman

U. N. DAY PRAYER

A prayer for United Nations Day, Oct. 24, has been written by Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, stated clerk of the Presbyterian Church in the USA, and released in New York by the department of international justice and goodwill of the National Council of Churches.

"We have often loved our own way better than justice and are sometimes eager for peace at great costs others must pay," the prayer confesses.

Text of the prayer is as follows:

"Our Father in heaven, Thou God of all the nations upon the face of the earth, whose will is justice and peace, we confess that we have often loved our own way better than justice and are sometime eager for peace at great costs others must pay. So wars and hatreds and anguish have come to men and nations. Forgive these sins and turn us from all evil ways.

"As citizens of this land so richly blessed by Thee, give us courage, poise, and imaginative love sufficient to carry well the burden of leadership our wealth and power have laid upon us. Teach us to use this strength with patience and restraint, knowing that we are accountable not to ourselves alone but to Thee and to all mankind.

"We pray Thy blessing upon the United Nations and on all the representatives there who seek peace and justice through it. As we use this human instrument, guard us from discouragement that would give us hope and from idolatry that would confuse even our best efforts with Thy perfect will. Keep us from the impatience that would turn us away from international cooperation; give us humility sufficient to learn from others' judgments, and such restraint as will draw the nations to us in the common pursuit of peace and freedom.

"We acknowledge Thee, O God! as the sovereign ruler over all men and nations and pray for the establishment of that city which hath foundations whose builder and maker Thou art. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!



IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE 1954 CALENDAR

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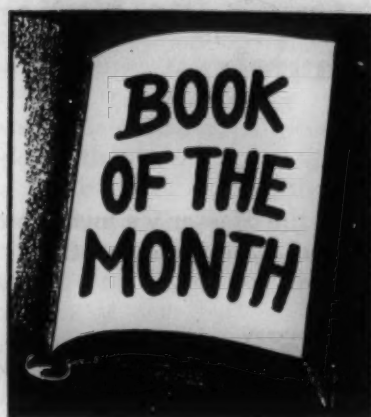
26-27 Christian Youth Fellowship Meets

DECEMBER

3-4 Christian Youth Fellowship Meets

STATE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION REPORTS

- By Walter J. Lantz



For November

EVERYDAY LIFE IN NEW TESTAMENT TIMES

— By A. C. Bouquet

(Recommended by the Commission on the
Promotion of Christian Literature)

Here is a refreshing and highly useful book for both preacher and parishioner. Written by a prominent British professor of comparative religion, it is sound in its scholarship and dependable in its presentation of facts; it has an almost encyclopaedic quality about it. Yet it is no weighty, musty tome; written in an easy, conversational style, it reads like a novel. So it is both a book to be read through "at a sitting" and also a handy reference book to keep close at hand for years to come.

Exactly what were houses in Palestine like in Jesus' day? What did people eat in New Testament times? Did they bathe, have operations, wear false teeth, use lipstick, write and read books, distribute news? In this volume are to be found the answers to these and hundreds of other such questions about the little, intimate, everyday details of life in the first Christian century. One is surprised to learn how "modern" in many respects these ancients were.

By understanding the way people lived, one is enabled to understand the whole of New Testament history better and more vividly. Hence, this book is essential reading for all who are at all interested in biblical literature and history. One is tempted to say that it should be required reading for all preachers and Church School teachers.

The type is excellent; the index is adequate; and the text is strengthened by a large number of pictures, maps, and line drawings (the latter by Marjorie Quennell).

Read *Everyday Life*; you'll learn a lot, and you'll enjoy it.

Selected and reviewed by: W. A. Welsh

The past two months have been busy but worthwhile, with many different activities taking place. September began with a State Board Planning session, then on to Family Camp at Twin Rocks, September 3-6. The following week-end was spent in the Coquille-Roseburg area, with a Southern Oregon Conference party at both the Roseburg churches on Sunday, Sept. 12.

The State Education Commission met on 17-18 at Salem. I attended the Church School Planning Retreat of the Mallory Avenue Christian Church, Portland on Sunday, Sept. 19. I spoke for the Workers' Conference at Gladstone the following Tuesday and visited with the Gladstone congregation the next Sunday. Back to State Board meeting September 27-28. Attended the organization meeting of the Portland Directors and Ministers of Education Association on September 30. Six days of September was taken (in two 3-day hitches) for vacation.

I spent Saturday night and Sunday in Eugene, October 2-3, working with the people responsible for recruiting the youth for the laboratory sessions of our Adult Workers with Youth Training School in November. Shared in the morning service with First Christian, Eugene, and attended their Student Banquet and evening service as well. Spoke to the Committee on Education of the Garden Road Church in Salem on October 7, concerning the problems of the Sunday School. Sunday was spent in my home church at Kern Park.

Met with the State Youth Executive Committee October 15-16 to plan for World Fellowship Youth Meets to be held December 3-4. That entire week was spent in the office. Attended the inauguration of Mr. Meredith Wilson, the new president of the University of Oregon on the 19th. Marched in the academic procession as the representative of Texas Christian University. Spoke for the Christian Ministers' Association of the Portland area at their monthly breakfast on October 20.

Accompanied a team of state workers to Lebanon church to hold an Observation School October 22-24, and taught the Junior High and High School sessions. I spoke for the Portland Directors' Association at a luncheon on the 29th. Preached at Kern Park on the morning of October 31; then on to St. Helens for an afternoon meeting with the Church School leaders and to speak at the evening service.

The education work in the state is growing, which means more churches are being served and more fine people taking positions of leadership in the field. It is a real pleasure to be associated with all of you in strengthening the witness of our churches through better trained leaders and more vital programs.



Thanksgiving Offering

The special offering to be taken by our churches on Thanksgiving Sunday, November 21, 1954 is one of the four offerings accented by our Brotherhood during the year. The funds raised through our Sunday Schools and churches across America will be devoted to three causes: Christian Education, State Missions, and Church related colleges. All of our churches are urged to take part in this worthwhile project, and thus have a real share in helping to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ through these channels.

That the readers of the Oregon Christian may be better informed concerning the relationship Oregon shares in this special-day offering, the following data is quoted:

Receipts from total Thanksgiving Offering:

1952	\$180,120.09
1953	\$191,462.43

Receipts from Oregon:

1952	\$903.26
1953	\$875.93

Number of Oregon churches sharing in this giving:

1952	16
1953	15

Beacuse Oregon is not in Unified Promotion as a state, we do not at this time receive material help from this offering for state missions or Northwest Chrstian College, our church related school. However, a large portion of this offering is returned to this area for the purpose of undergirding our state program of Christian Education. LET'S GIVE GENEROUSLY THIS YEAR.

CHRIST CALLS . . . Our Churches to Supply Love Through the National Benevolent Association of the Christian Church

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is their **Operating Cost**, which is continuous every day of every month. Most of the maintenance funds for the Homes are contributed. These gifts come through the Christmas Offerings, budget allotments of Churches, Fellowships and other groups, and in personal gifts. The **Christmas Offerings Provide Only a Portion of the Year's Operating Costs**. Maintenance Funds should increase as needs arise and Churches grow in numbers and in Stewardship.

The ultimate goal of Each Church is at least \$1 or more per year for each resident member for Benevolence. Our Churches' ultimate goal is also **To Meet the Needs of Children and Aging People in a Manner Pleasing to Our Christ**.

These Homes have food, care, housekeeping, cooking, nursing, medicines, clothing, and all costs to provide 365 days a year. How much more we will enjoy our own daily blessings through our helping to care for our guests in these NBA Homes through our trusteeship and stewardship, for those less fortunate among us.

The Ministry of the **NBA Homes** is determined by the way the Churches Respond . . . "to carry these emergencies through" . . . **Let Us Remember**—each member of Your Other Family is an emergency! Other needy, whom our facilities could not serve and had to be referred to other community agencies, were emergencies! Expanding needs in the Homes are **Emergencies** . . . from Churches and Communities. All funds should be sent to the NBA Homes, or to

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DIRECT-SUPPORT MISSIONS — By Rozelle S. Henry

On October 15, 1954, the TURNER MEMORIAL HOME completed 21 years of service to retired ministers and their wives and to other faithful servants of Christ.

Ed Dewees, Field Representative for the Home, reports that 1954 has been a busy year. The Elmer Pattersons, the G. E. Williamses, the C. E. Smiths, and Mrs. Lulu Cochran entered the Home.

There are several who have suffered the "oft infirmities of the flesh." Mrs. Norris Reasoner, Mrs. Elmer Patterson, Mrs. Florence Nesbit, and Brother Frank E. Jones (now in Salem Memorial Hospital) have particularly appreciated the prayers and concern of Christian friends.

Several much needed gifts received this year included a garden tractor, curtain material, a vacuum cleaner, and funds for the repair and redecoration of Franklin Cottage. The Madras Christian Church has for the second year provided potatoes for all the Home family.

Suggestions for "white gifts" include: canned peas (small cans) canned pineapple, cake and flour mixes, etc. They have a good supply of most fruits and vegetables. Other items for the Central Building are:

bed sheets, room size rugs, a new or used davenport, a good washing machine, and stair carpeting. Cash offerings are still the most vital need. Address: Turner Memorial Home, Turner, Oregon.

The McKINLEY INDIAN MISSION has recently been helping care for a number of Indian children, writes Superintendent John D. Runyan. The missionaries are often called upon to render benevolent and relief services at all hours of the day or night. Suggestions for Christmas giving are the same as usual—good clothing, toys, candy, food items of all kinds, as well as cash offerings. Address: McKinley Indian Mission, Box 389, Toppenish, Washington.

The children of our missionaries, also, should be remembered with gifts of clothing and toys, or offerings with which to provide their needs. Many missionaries lack "living-link" or regular support for their children. Special gifts for them would be most welcome. Further information on these needs may be obtained by writing this editor at 175 - 15th Ave. East, Eugene, Oregon.

Jean Cunningham and Gloria Jewell report that they have received \$900 toward the new trailer needed for their missionary service in Mexico. They now lack only \$400 to complete the trailer payment and a few more monthly pledges to have the amount estimated for their living expenses. They hope to return to Mexico in January. Their address is: 521 S. Howard Street, Newberg, Oregon.

Neilan Dodson who has served our mission churches in Alberta, Canada for the past three years is now in the Veteran's Hospital, Portland, Oregon for additional treatment of his leg. His address: Veteran's Hospital, Portland, Oregon.

TRAINING SCHOOL FOR ADULT WORKERS

Bringing together faculty and students from all across the Northwest, the Regional Training School for Adult Workers with Youth was held in Eugene, November 10 through 16.

Hosts to the more-than-thirty students who came from a five-state area, were Northwest Christian College and First Christian Church of Eugene.

Young people from Churches in Eugene and Springfield attended laboratory sessions each day to provide observing counsellors an opportunity to see youth leaders as work and to give them a chance to work, also.

Miss Frances Woolery, Associate Editor of Church School Literature, Christian Board of Publication, served as Dean. The Faculty included: Donald Payne, Pendleton; Ruth Ross, Hood River; Walter Lantz, Portland; Ronald Mowe, Kent, Washington; Burton Brown, Sunnyside, Washington; Vernon Fishback, Tekoa, Washington; Mel-ford Knight, Genesee, Idaho, and David Kullowatz, Gladstone, Oregon.

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5. I know that we need system in all of our Christian Life, Prayer, Bible Study, Worship, and also giving, so the budget.
6. I would realize that it is not the amount of the gift but the spirit of it.
7. I would realize that the church leaders need an estimate as to the amount of money to expect to operate the Lord's work on, so I will co-operate and sign a pledge card as a tither indicating the approximate amount to be given.
8. I would be loyal to my home town, my home church, and my neighbors, letting my light shine where it counts most at home, and so give to my local church which through a budget that was set up to carry my money to all phases of church activity both here and elsewhere.
9. I would know the feeling of helpfulness one has in taking part in a church program, over against the feeling of littleness when I do not do my part. I would remember how I felt toward others when I had to pay their part of something for them. I would remember that the good will of my fellow church members is worth something.
10. I would thank my church members and leaders for organizing the church program in such a way that I could have a definite, regular, scientific part in carrying on the Lord's work.

—Quoted from the Memphis McLemore Christian Church Mirror.

PRAYER FOR THANKSGIVING

Our Father, thank Thee for the countless blessings we daily receive from Thy hand. Pardon us for our forgetfulness and our indifference and our failure to give Thee thanks for Thy bounties. Help us this day to glorify Thee and offer from our hearts prayers of gratitude, for Thou art good and Thy mercy is everlasting. In the name of Christ, Amen.

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ALVADORE: At a dedicatory service the youth group presented the Church with 75 new song books. During the past year four souls have been added. Six new rooms have been added to the Sunday School. Our regular attendance has been climbing steadily, now numbers almost 100. The "Martha" Sunday School class is sending \$25 each year to India and help has been given to local institutions. Robert Lynn, minister. **DUFUR:** The Church building has been given a two-coat paint job at a cost of \$930. The fifth Sunday offering on August 29 was given to this fund. It totalled \$330. Harry V. Atkins, minister. **HILLSBORO:** From September 26 through October 17, a School of Stewardship was held with all departments of the Church and school teach-

ing stewardship of money. October 17 was Victory Sunday. To date, 158 members have signed the tithers pledge. Sunday offerings have increased substantially. None added by baptism, four otherwise. Ivan Correll, minister.

McMINNVILLE: Three young people - Carol Quakenbush, Dixie Lee Dixon and Ronald Parrish, came forward for Life Work Recruits. Plans under way for Weekend of Leadership Training program to be conducted by Walter Lantz on November 5-7. Week of preaching by Elery Parirsh from large colored Bible chart, November 14-21. Young people of the Church are raising funds for a Neon sign outside the building. **NEWPORT:** Have moved into parsonage, although much work to be done to complete it. Average attendance in all services above previous records. Large delegation of youth attended Astoria convention. Ray Smith, minister. **PORTLAND - KERN PARK:** Week of Stewardship, October 10-17 with 175 signed tithing cards. Minister Kenneth Johnston attended in ternational Convention. Youth Planning Retreat held at Camp Adams, October 8-9 under the leadership of our associate, Richard Osburn. Goldie Ruth Wells was special speaker. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Edwards of Eugene assisted at the Retreat. Seven added by baptism, 10 otherwise. Kenneth Johnston, minister.

BURNS: Burned the Church mortgage Sunday, October 3. Charles Addleman, Willie White, and Ed DeWees assisted in the service with Dr. Clifford Weare presiding. I am recuperating from my illness in a fine way. Milton Bower has been supplying during my absence. Four added by baptism. Len B. Fishback, minister. **LEBANON:** Have called brother and sister Ralph Doop of Ukiah, California to serve as Associates

of the minister. Brother Doop will be in charge of Church music and Mrs. Doop will serve in the Church office. Brother Doop will serve also as general assistant to the minister. Five added by baptism, five otherwise. L. O. White, minister. **EUGENE -** The name of the Church is now officially Norkenzie Christian Church. Our own bookkeeping system is being set up and we will handle our own finances. Arrangements are being made for purchase of church property. We are looking for more song books (Favorite Hymns No. 2) or a good price on a quantity of others. None added by baptism, two otherwise. Gordon Gibbs, minister.

SWEET HOME: A young man, Bill River, has publicly declared his intention to be a minister. A student at N.C.C., he serves the church as Youth Worker during the week-ends. A young lady has entered N.C.C. for training for Christian service. The wood-room has been converted into a nice room for the Intermediate department. One added by baptism, three otherwise. Earl F. Downing, minister. **PORTLAND -** Active committee working on Diamond Jubilee Celebration for month of January. Church is not one of the older congregations as is sometimes thought. Organized in 1879 at First and Morrison streets. No charter members now living. Now in third building in Park blocks and Columbia. Expansion program under way. Capital funds campaign will start the latter part of January with William T. Percy of the Board of Church Extension conducting. Fourteen from First Church in attendance at International Convention in Miami. Wilber Torgerson filled pulpit in pastor's absence. Ten members added by baptism, 12 otherwise. Myron C. Cole, minister.

GLADSTONE: Raised \$3461 on Stewardship Day to be used in total program of the church. Have hired William Blankenship for N.C.C. for Associate Pastor and Youth Director. Have obtained services of advisory architect from Church Extension to plan complete remodeling project to be started immediately. One added by baptism, seven otherwise. Dave Kullowatz, minister. **CORVALLIS:** Mrs. E. C. Gilbert attended International Convention in Miami. Mrs. Mabel Mack, a member here, was general chairman of the Oregon Town and Country Church Conference, October 18-21. Donald Helseth, minister, and H. Lawrence Porter, minister to students, were also on planning committee. No members added by baptism, eight otherwise. Donald L. Helseth, minister. **MADRAS:** Work on new educational plant progressing slowly. Plan to be using basement by Christmas. None added by baptism, one otherwise. Royal W. Gardner, minister.

SALEM - FIRST: First Christian Church of Salem really wants that Chapel finished (continued on page 11)

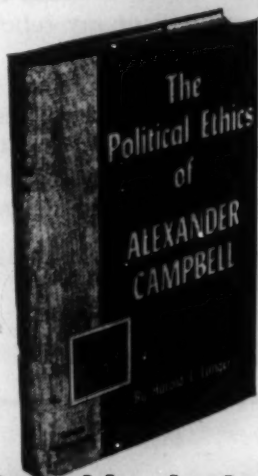
MEET OUR GUESTS

Mrs. Laura E. Hanna entered the Home on April 7, 1948, living first in the Central Building and then moving to the Linn Cottage in the Park. Hope, Michigan, was her birthplace and she held her membership in the Central Christian Church in Portland when she came to Turner. Her husband, Brother J. Charles Hanna, served churches in Kansas and Nebraska before coming to the Northwest. His last ministry was with the First Christian Church in Hood River. When her health permits, Sister Hanna adds to the beauty of the Home surroundings with lovely flowers.

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"Now it came to pass on a certain day at noon that the writer was a guest of a certain man. And the luncheon was enjoyed at a certain restaurant. And the waiter was very efficient. Now when the end of the meal was at hand the waiter brought unto the host the check. And the host examined it. As we rose to depart he laid some coins under the plate. The waiter, who stood nearby, smiled happily which being interpreted means that the tip was satisfactory.

Now, with such customs we are all familiar. But as I meditated on the coins that became tips, I began to think of tips and tithes. For the proverbial tip must be at least a tithe lest the waiter turn against you. Whereupon it came unto me that few people treat their God as well as they honor their waiter. For unto the waiter they give a tithe but unto God they give whatsoever they think will get them by. Verily, doth man fear the waiter more than he feareth God? And doth he not also love the waiter more than he loveth God?

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From "Forward - day by day." Episcopal Daily Guide, Advent 1953 and Pre-Lent 1954.

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for the Yakima Indian Christian Mission at White Swan, Washington. Because of this desire, we met for our annual salmon dinner on October 14 in the Fellowship Room of our Church which was very attractively decorated with Indian tepees, camp fires, artificial lakes, Indian drawings and other decorations. Mrs. Lynette Rhay of Eugene gave a very interesting and informative message and showed many fine slides dealing with mission life as seen at White Swan. Salmon was furnished by the Mission. At close of the program an offering of \$96 was received. Two members by baptism and two otherwise. **WAYNE GREENE**, minister. **NORTH BEND**: Work parties are well-attended as we continue our new building. Attendance is up; four have been added by baptism. We are already carrying in chairs for our Morning Worship. Observing Church Loyalty Month was good success, launching Stewardship Program this month. Have four more to be baptized. Now laying plans for Spring Visitation and Evangelistic Meeting. **CLYDE C. BLAKLEY**, minister.

ROSEBURG: In a period of stewardship emphasis with one month emphasis on teaching stewardship, a second month on trial tithing, a third on enlistment. Results so far have been gratifying. Plans are complete for a two-week meeting with **HARRY ATKINS** leading. A big push was made to reach Rally Day goal of 238. Tell you later if we made it. **HARRY CHAPIN**, minister. **MYRTLE CREEK**: Chaplain C. P. Smales of Portland Air Force base preached for us one Sunday evening since last report. He also talked about new equipment of the Air Force. Entertained the Douglas County District Men's "99" meeting recently. The Bible School has been holding up better than a year ago. Sunday, October 17, we showed a film presented in connection with our evening worship service entitled, "Charge That to Your Account." On October 31, the Octogenarians Quartette - oldest men's quartette in the world will present a program at the church. Six members added since last report. **DORSEY E. DENT**, minister.

OREGON CITY: Will begin tearing down our old building on March 1. Will build in same location but larger building seating about 450. During rebuilding the Bible School auditorium will be used for church gathering. Can accommodate about 250 on second floor auditorium. Will have adult classes together during rebuilding period. President **CHARLES PHILLIPS** of Seattle will be with us during November. One added since last report. **HOWARD HUTCHINS**, minister. **LA GRANDE**: Eleven members by transfer, three by baptism. The new Sanctuary is now under roof and work will proceed on the inside during the winter months. The remainder of the building is

being financed by loans from within the congregation. Were host to a union service of four Churches on Reformation Day. **REBA CLARK**, office secretary.

PORTLAND - CENTRAL: Mike Pierce, student at N.C.C. is working week-ends with Central as Youth Minister. The youth work has been revised and revived. Have created seven new Functional Committees - one of which is an active Youth Committee. Adult Bible School classes have all commenced a 39-week study of the Book of Acts. Were host to the Annual Church Life Institute. Have added five by baptism and seven otherwise. **DONALD COX**, minister. **CRESWELL**: Have just completed installation of a new heating system in our building. Functional committees are now working in the various areas of activities in our program. Have added six members. **L. M. BIXLER**, minister. **ASTORIA**: Rally Day on October 3 and Promotion Day on October 1 gave some new zeal to the Bible School. Entertained the Coast Union Convention of Christian Endeavor the week-end of October 22. Two added by baptism, one otherwise.

MILL CITY: October Bible School attendance was 20% above that of one year ago, with smaller increases in other services. Woman's Fellowship have sent 33 blankets to the C.W.S. "Blankets for Babies" project. Juniors of the Bible School held "Trick or Treat" for United Nations Children's Fund. Improvements include a second rest room and newly-decorated class room at the Church and a new chimney on the parsonage. Seven of the Church young people have been married this summer, five of whom have moved to other locations. Midweek Service began with fair attendance. **HUGH JULL**, minister. **SALEM-LIBERTY**: Bible School now averaging above 130 each Sunday and climbing steadily. Youth work progressing with average of 40 Junior and Senior young people each Sunday evening. The Church has called new Minister of Religious Education - **LYNN COOPER**, a Senior at N.C.C. to assume duties November 1. **WAYNE BRYANT**, minister.

MONMOUTH: Surpassed three-year record with 245 Rally Day attendance. **A. C. BATES** and **EZRA BLEHM** were recent pulpit visitors. **PAUL MOORE, JR.**, from N.C.C., now assisting college youth program. Two members added. **LYNNTON ELWELL**, minister.

EUGENE - FIRST CHRISTIAN: Sixty members added, three by baptism. Church Night dinners proving to be a great success. A prepared dinner is served at 6 o'clock followed by an inspiring song service of fifteen minutes and then a devotional for half-an-hour. At 7:15 meetings of the various activities of the Church such as Church Board on first Wednesday, Christian Fellowships, second Wednesday and Worker's Conference of the Church School, Church Program Planning Board and Departments on the third and fourth Wednesdays. This plan is meeting with great favor. **DR. ROBERTS** attended the International Convention at Miami. He served on the Board of Managers of the UCMS, National Evangelistic Association and on the important Committee on Recommendations, as a member from Oregon. **CARROLL C. ROBERTS**, minister. **BEND**: Slight gain in Sunday School over last year. High School class highest in 3 years. Church will entertain Union Thanksgiving Service. November to be stressed as "Loyalty Month" - loyalty in attendance

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at Sunday School and Church and in Stewardship. Entertained 90 and 9 Convention October 22-24. One added by baptism, two otherwise. H. Cecil Bever, minister.

ALBANY: Observed Rally Day in the Bible School on October 10 with 339 present. Have added one member. Lester Jones, minister. **WALTON:** Have a new Youth Director, Eddie McIndoo, a Freshman at N.C.C., who is accompanied in his work with his fiancée, Connie Pierson, also a freshman at N.C.C. They are wonderful assets to the Church. Jack Foreman, minister. **PORTLAND - SOUTHEAST:** B. Ross Evans held a two-weeks meeting October 17 to 31. Have added two members by baptism. Gene Chamberlain, minister. **PORTLAND - ST. JOHNS:** Construction of the new building is moving along. The men are doing volunteer work as much as possible to help with the costs. The Gospel Four will hold a two-weeks meeting here November 14-26. November 14 is Decision Day when 93 persons are expected to make their decision for Christ, Lord willing. Jess W. Johnson, minister, was the guest speaker at the Church Life Institute at Seattle recently. Plans for another outdoor Christmas tableau are underway. One addition by baptism, two otherwise. **BEAVERTON:** Eight members added, one by baptism. Church has purchased new hymnals, new pews have been made for the primary department. The building has been improved by repairing the sill in the front and by the addition of a new roof. Thomas Courtney, minister.

DALLAS: Four added by statement. Miss Peggy Corpion has recently become our new office secretary. She is a 1953 graduate of N.C.C. At the October meeting of our Church Board, Benny Boling became our youth director, officially. We feel very fortunate to add these two talented workers to our church staff. The October Loyalty Month program has brought satisfactory results. Our Bible School has been running consistently higher during 1954. O. F. Mick, minister. **ST. HELENS:** Church celebrated twenty-seventh anniversary on September 26. Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Addleman were special guests. Our beloved State Secretary is always the guest-minister! The Building Block Plan adapted at the twenty-fifth anniversary has to date resulted in \$5700 for the new-building fund. The goal set for the coming year is \$8500. Launched Stewardship Emphasis program on October 3 to conclude November 21. Weekly class, Stewardship in the Bible, taught by Mrs. Carl Brandenfels, Attorney-at-Law. Presented the new sound movie, "The Beginning," a splendid stewardship presentation on tithing, produced by National Council of Churches and now available through our State office. Kathleen Brownlow, local member and graduate of Lewis and Clark College, presented a sacred organ concert on the evening of October 17. She was assisted by Loris Loree, soloist. Have added one member. R. L. Putnam, minister.

EUGENE - GLENWOOD: Work on building, septic tank put in, applying sheet-rock on the inside, classrooms are being decorated with curtains and attractive pictures. Program in November calls for "Evangelistic Calling." December, Christmas

program and emphasis on education department and new converts. January, Stewardship campaign. Have added twelve members, five by baptism. Robert R. Smythe, minister. **WINSTON:** Ten members added by baptism. Completed a fine meeting with Mr. and Mrs. B. Ross Evans. Everyone here received a great blessing from having these wonderful Christ-centered people as they presented Christ and his message. At the last board meeting it was asked when we could have them back for another session. Our Bible School attendance has averaged better than 40% above last year. White asbestos shakes will be put on the building as soon as possible. The project began October 22. The Jubilee Bell Ringers put on a concert a few weeks ago and were well received. **PORTLAND - MALORY AVENUE:** Have launched a Stewardship of Tithing Program in all classes and departments as well as from the pulpit. Church School classes are growing steadily. Have added two by baptism, nine otherwise.

CARLTON: Plans are being made for new rest rooms in the Church. New Youth Group being organized with 13 in attendance at first meeting. Dr. Swander installed new officers for the coming year. Sunday School attendance has dropped some the last three weeks, but church attendance is increasing. We thank God for the new zeal and interest shown by our people in the last few weeks. We grieve the loss of one of our oldest members, Brother Billy Hudson, who came to Carlton in 1884. Two members added by baptism since last report. Gene Polf, minister. **DAYTON:** Christian education among the children of grade school age received a boost in two recent innovations in the program at Dayton. A Junior Youth Program for boys and girls of Junior age was inaugurated, Sunday, October 24 and is drawing interest from among the thirty children of this age in the Bible School.

Mary Joyce Hurst, a graduate of Eugene Bible College has assumed responsibilities in both areas of children's work. Three have been added by transfer since last month's report. Bob Mulkey, minister.

GRANTS PASS: In Sunday School attendance contest with Roseburg, First Church. Attendance first two Sundays 26% and 45% over a year ago. New pews dedicated October 17. Total cost of \$6,225 raised in four months. Week of preaching with Gene Robinson held November 7-12. Total of eight added, two by baptism. R. M. Beard, minister. **MILTON-FREEWATER:** Ed Dewees spoke here October 10. A round-up banquet at the Church on October 13 with 50 young people present. Rev. Don Payne was guest speaker. Women of the C.W.F. have paid their missionary pledge of \$475 and voted to raise \$100 for the N.C.C. library, \$100 for milk for an African orphan baby. Homecoming was October 17. More than 350 present, 200 at the Fellowship dinner. Also, an all-Church Fellowship dinner on October 20. Irene Warner, reporter.

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